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PRODUCTS AND A METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING THE TUBING

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows prior to examination on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS:

13. (Amended) A method for manufacturing a fibrous cellulose sausage casing, which method comprises:

forming a wet-strengthened manila based paper material, which paper is wet-strengthened by at least one strengthener selected from the group consisting of resins, viscose, and a combination of resins and viscose into the shape of a tubing, the weight of which paper is less than 14 g/m²;

impregnating said tubing with viscose by presenting said viscose only to an outer surface of said tubing; and coagulating the viscose into cellulose by passing the impregnated tubing through at least one acid and salt bath; and,

plasticizing the treated tubing.

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